

# Keep Los Gatos BEAUTIFUL

## SPRING INTO GREEN

### CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH • 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. • TOWN PLAZA**

The Town of Los Gatos is proud to present **Spring Into Green**: an event celebrating sustainability in Los Gatos! Join us as we celebrate Earth Day, Arbor Day, and Keep Los Gatos Beautiful Month in one extravagant event. To commemorate Arbor Day, we will be celebrating the Town's 35th year as a *Tree City USA* by holding a tree planting ceremony at 10:30am in Town Plaza. In celebration of Earth Day and Keep Los Gatos Beautiful month there will be environmental vendors and partners from the local community hosting interactive booths for all ages. This event will take place in conjunction with the Town's weekly Farmer's Market to promote eating & buying locally. Join us in celebrating the Town's environmental consciousness and learn about sustainability. For more information, contact the Parks & Public Works Department at (408) 399-5770 or visit [www.losgatosca.gov/springintogreen](http://www.losgatosca.gov/springintogreen).



### Spring Tips

- **Resist Picking Dandelions:** Did you know that Dandelions are one of the most valuable spring wildflowers to bees? They are an important first source of nectar to hives who've survived the winter and didn't die off due to starvation. How important are bees? According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, bees pollinate 80% of the nation's flowering crops, which is 1/3 of everything we eat.
- **Practice Xeriscaping:** Group plants according to their water needs, keeping those with high water needs in more naturally wet locations. When necessary add organic matter to increase your soils water holding capacity. Covering your plants with composted leaves or grass can also assist with helping to retain water. In addition, planting native materials that are accustom to the climate are easier at adapting to water conditions.

### Check out these Booths!

Santa Clara Valley Water District  
PG&E Vegetation Program  
Los Gatos Saratoga Recreation  
Happy Hollow Park & Zoo  
West Valley Clean Water Program  
West Valley Collection & Recycling  
Los Gatos Parks Commission  
Los Gatos Beautification Committee  
Santa Clara County Parks  
Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

### Sustainable Spring Cleaning



It's that time of the year again! The flowers are blooming and your house could use a makeover. But who wants to deal with being exposed to all the cleaning chemicals and overpowering fumes? Well you don't have to! Spring cleaning doesn't need to be a toxic experience. Listed below are eco-friendly alternatives to add to your cleaning regime:

- All-natural Cleaning Products
- Essential Oils
- Broom: the most eco-friendly are sturdy straw brooms
- Fabric Mop: avoid disposable mop heads and aim for ones which can be reused
- Old Toothbrush: good for crevices, cracks, and corners
- Bucket: use ones that are sturdy and reusable

